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Boston officials are seeking suggestions from the public to help create a multi-year plan for protecting and developing parks and other open space throughout the city.

The Open Space Plan for 2015 to 2021, “will look at all public open space, regardless of ownership including parks, playgrounds, squares, malls, urban

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regardless of ownership, including parks, playgrounds, squares, plazas, urban
wilds, community gardens, cemeteries, greenways, trails, thoroughfares, and
harbor islands,” city officials said in a statement Tuesday.

“The plan will also look at city residents to understand demographic and socio-
economic trends which impact the use of open space,” the statement added.

The effort to create that plan is ongoing.


The Boston Parks and Recreation Department has developed a questionnaire
that asks for information from residents and visitors alike about how they use

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The parks department said the Open Space Plan’s data collection process will
also include compiling an “environmental inventory” that will target “natural
areas” – including places with rivers and harbors, wildlife, geologic features,
soils and vegetation – for protection and stewardship.

The public survey can be filled out online at
www.cityofboston.gov/parks/about/questionnaire.asp. Copies of the survey will
also be available during the week of May 20 at all Boston Public Library
branches and selected Boston Centers for Youth and Families community
centers.

The online and print versions of the questionnaire are available in English,
Spanish, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, Cape Verdean Creole, and
Portuguese.

Surveys can also be obtained by e-mailing
openspaceplan2015@cityofboston.gov, with the subject line “Open Space Plan
Questionnaire Request” or by mailing: Boston Parks and Recreation
Department, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02118, Attention: Open Space Plan Questionnaire Request.

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